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Filed: November 6, 2001

LASER OUTPUT CIRCUIT FOR OPTICAL DISK

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Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status has been claimed. See 37 CFR § 1.27.

A certified copy of _ Patent Application No. _ filed __ from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 is enclosed.

A Notice Of Change Of Attorney's Address and Associate Power Of Attorney is enclosed.

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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$360 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$180								\$	0
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Respectfully submitted HOGAN & HARTSON L.P.

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 20, 2006, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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